News release

More Wet Weather

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Met Office forecasters are warning that the first few days of 2003 will see more wet weather and a continuing risk of flooding.

Another belt of heavy rain will reach south-west Britain this evening, spreading north-east overnight and on Wednesday. The rain will turn to snow over northern England and parts of Scotland and could well prove a nuisance for New Year's Day travellers.

Over the rest of the week further spells of rain will move north and east across the UK, and some snow is again possible in the north, especially on high ground.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: 'On their own these spells of rain wouldn't be particularly eventful but, with little let up between each one, the risk of localised flooding will continue for some days yet. To add to the problems, the north will stay quite cold so don't be surprised to see a snowy start to 2003 over parts of Scotland and northern England.

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